

Annapolis, June 28th, 1906.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland, met this day, in the Governor's office, at noon. Present: Governor Warfield, Comptroller Atkinson, and Treasurer Vandiver.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board, held at the Maryland Penitentiary, on June 6th, at which were present the Comptroller and the Treasurer, were on motion of the Governor approved and the action taken at that meeting unanimously confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on May 31st, were read and approved.

The Comptroller offered the following:

"Whereas, Chapter 228 of the Acts of 1904 provide for a State bond issue of \$1,625,000., known as the Public Buildings Loan, two items which were as follows:- \$175,000 to the Maryland Institute and \$250,000. to the Relief Fund Commission under Chapter 129 of the Acts of 1904, and

Whereas, Bonds have been issued for the Maryland Institute for the sum of \$109,000., leaving a balance of \$66,000. to be issued, and

Whereas, there has been issued for the Relief Fund Commission Bonds to the amount of \$116,000., leaving a balance of \$134,000, and

Whereas, Bonds covering this balance, under Chapter 411 of the Acts of 1906, remaining unsold, were to be issued, the proceeds from sale of which should be used exclusively, so far as the same might be required, for the construction and equipment of a suitable annex or extension to the Maryland State Penitentiary for the use of female convicts, and

Whereas, Section 3 of Chapter 228 of the Acts of 1904 prescribes: "If any of said Certificates so offered for sale are not paid for or if any insufficient price be bid for them, may be subsequently disposed of under the direction of the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer, or a majority of them, at private sale upon the best terms they can obtain for the same, provided they shall not be sold for less than par and with interest." Therefore,

Be it ordered, that bonds be issued as of July 1, 1906, to the amount of \$66,000. by the Comptroller and Treasurer, the same to be taken by the State at par for the benefit of the Sinking Funds, the cash proceeds of sale of which shall be placed to the credit

of the Maryland Institute on the books of the Comptroller, and that the sum of \$75,000 of the \$134,000. of bonds be issued by the Comptroller, and Treasurer, the same to be taken by the State at par for the benefit of the Sinking Funds, the cash proceeds of sale of which shall be placed to the credit of the Maryland Penitentiary on the books of the Comptroller, as directed in Section 2 of Chapter 411 of the Acts of 1906."

which was seconded by the Treasurer, and unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Board decided to meet the members of the Tobacco Warehouse Building Commission, appointed under Ch. 804 of the Acts of 1906, in conference at 11 a. m., on Wednesday, July 18th, in Room 703, Fidelity Building, Baltimore, and the Secretary was directed to notify the members of the Commission to that effect.

The Governor reported to the Board, which body on motion confirmed his action, that he had instructed Mr. Pennington, the architect, to let the contract for a new galvanized iron cornice for the old State House, at a price not to exceed \$3780.

On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, it was decided that Mr. Pennington be instructed to contract for the painting of the walls and ceilings of the following rooms in the Court of Appeals Building, at figures not to exceed those stated; Comptroller, public and private offices \$400; adjoining file room \$100; Treasurer's public and private offices \$325; State Tax Commissioner's office \$135.

The following communication was received:

Philadelphia, 6/12/06.

To the Board of Public Works,

Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemen:

For some time negotiations have been pending between this company and Mr. H. W. Watson for purchasing his holdings (38,370) shares in the W.P. & C Rd. One great difficulty is we cannot ascertain from Watson what the road is actually earning: consequently we are in the dark as to what to bid him for his shares. This company has insisted that the State of Maryland should receive for its shares (1630) the same price as paid Watson for his. Evidently under the advice of a Baltimore Attorney Watson insists the

States holdings are of no account and as a matter of fact worthless; this company does and will not entertain such conclusion. I am of the opinion the State has a representative on the Board and of the W. P. & C. and can give the desired information and I write to ask if this is the fact. This company has arrived at the conclusion that Watson does not really want to sell his holdings and is getting in considerable cash in options on his shares. I know of one instance where he got from Mr. C. M. Schwab \$10,000 in cash which was forfeited to Watson. In all I know of about \$26,000 that he has pocketed. The truth is that Watson does not intend to build and is acting the part of the "dog in the manger" and as long as Poe lives he will use his influence to prevent Watson from selling to a bona fide builder; As a matter of fact the Honorable John P. Poe is the only man in the State of Maryland that has made any money out of ~~the~~ Railroad efforts in Southern Maryland and I can truthfully say I know that from start to finish the Poe family has received for "chin music" over \$20,000 so if Watson should sell the Poe's would be in distress. This company intends to build but you certainly know it is hard to get capital to build new roads and I want this man Watson either to go ahead and build or get out of the way. I will add that in January last Watson asked me \$250,000 for his shares, One month later he offered them to me for \$150,000 and now he is offering them to a party (to my certain knowledge) for \$125,000 with a commission to the broker of 5%. If the State of Maryland will give me any assistance as to what the road is earning I will make the State a bona fide cash offer for its shares and while I do not care that my name is mentioned at present, may I ask your honorable board to write Watson for information as to what the road is earning as you have a prospective buyer for the State's interest. I suppose you are aware that Watson went to an obscure Trust Co. located in Bucks Co., Pa., and secured it to act as Trustee on a mortgage of \$2,000,000. on the road and that he took out a certificate for \$100,000. on which the interest (5%) has been accumulating for several years and my idea is he did this under the advice of the Hon. John Prentiss Poe, so that if any trouble arose as to the road and State's interest with Watson he, Watson could spring it. Pardon me for saying that if I was in the position that the State is Watson would give the desired information, a representative on

the Board of Directors or the road would go into the hands of a Receiver in short order. Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of an early reply I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Very truly yours,

The Norfolk & Washington Air Line Ry. Co.,

By A. B. Linderman, President.

whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Whereas, the State of Maryland owns 1640 shares of the stock of the W. C. & P. R. R. CO.,

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Board be instructed to write to Mr. H. W. Watson, President of said Company, and ask that he make a report to this Board as to the present status and condition of said company, financially and otherwise."

which was seconded by the Treasurer, and unanimously adopted.

The following communications were laid before the Board by the Governor:

June 2nd, 1906.

To

His Excellency,

Edwin Warfield,

Governor of Maryland.

Sir:

We beg leave to enclose a letter from Messrs. King Brothers, printers, dated May 31st, and their bill annexed to it for \$550.00 dated January 8, 1906.

When you did us the honor to invite us to continue to serve as a Commission to revise the Incorporation Laws, it became necessary to have the aid of a printer, and, accordingly, we called upon King Brothers, who served us faithfully and efficiently.

We now learn, with surprise and concern, that the last General Assembly made no appropriation to cover the amount due to them.

May I ask whether your Excellency can and will use a part of the contingent fund under your control for the purpose of paying this meritorious claim?

Respectfully yours,

Arthur Geo. Brown,

S. A. Williams,

Geo. R. Willis,

Commission to revise the  
Incorporation Laws.

Baltimore, May 31, 1906.

Arthur Geo. Brown, Esq.,

Chairman of Commission to

Revise the Incorporation Laws.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find our bill for printing Report for your Commission. We regret exceedingly that the Legislature of Maryland adjourned without making any provision for the payment of our bill.

As Chairman of the Commission, we write to know if you cannot arrange in some way to have our bill paid to us, as we really need the money and cannot afford to wait until the next session of the Legislature for the same. We will very greatly appreciate any effort you will make to secure payment of our bill.

Very respectfully yours,

King Bros.

(Bill)

Commission to Revise the Incorporation Laws,

To King Bros. Dr.

1000 Copies of Report of the Commission to revise the Incorporation laws, including the binding in cloth and interleaving 18 copies (12 copies for Senator Perkins for use of the Committee on Judicial Proceedings of the Senate and 6 copies for Mr. Jos. C. France, Secretary of the Commission. \$550.00

June 15th, 1906.

Messrs. Arthur George Brown,  
Stephenson A. Williams,  
George R. Willis,

Commission to Revise the Incorporation Laws of Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Governor Warfield directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd, inst., in regard to the bill of Messrs. King Brothers, printers, and to say that he will give this matter his immediate attention. He hopes to be able to find some fund available for the payment of this bill.

Very truly yours,

R. S. Hart,

Secretary to the Governor.

No action was taken on the request of the Commission.

On motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the bill of The American Bonding Co. for premium on the bond of the State Treasurer for one year from Feby. 5, 1906, was ordered paid, under the Resolution adopted by this Board on April 2, 1906.

On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, the bill of the Fidelity Trust Company for rent for safe deposit box for one year from Apl. 27, 1906 was ordered paid.

On motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the bill of the Evening Capital, Annapolis, for advertising proposals for bids for State's holdings of stock of the B. & O. R. R. Co., amounting to \$12. was ordered paid.

On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, the bill of the A. S. Abell Co. for advertising the bids for the State's holdings of the capital stock of the Easton National Bank, amounting to \$49.60, was ordered paid.

The following communication was laid before the Board:

Annapolis, May 30th, 1906.

To the Honorable

The Board of Public Works of Maryland:-

Gentlemen:

At the last Session of the Legislature a bill was passed and signed by the Governor providing an appropriation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for cases and furniture for the Land Office. This fund is now available for use for the purposes stated. But before said fund can be judiciously used and to accomplish the results desired, it is necessary that some changes be made in the interior arrangement of the room assigned for the Land Office. The most important work or change to be done before commencing on a plan for cases is the cutting of an extra door in the hall partition dividing the two front rooms. Also the toilet room in the rear of the private office should be removed to the cellar and the space occupied by it be included in the Land Office which is badly needed. There is only a thin, hollow partition ~~xxxx~~ separating the two rooms and the change could be easily made with little cost. The toilet room cuts off the light from two windows and for that reason renders the private office too dark for any proper use. The close proximity

of this toilet room and noise therefrom is of such a character as to offend the ideas of modesty and decency of visitors to the Land Office.

Wishing that your honorable Board may favorably consider these propositions and pass the necessary orders for accomplishing the same, I am, with respect,

Your obedient servant,

E. Stanley Toadvin,

Land Commissioner.

and Mr. Toadvin appeared before the Board in person to explain his request.

On motion of the Governor, seconded by the Treasurer, it was Ordered, That this Board disapproves any change in the toilet room as now situated and arranged, and approves the cutting of the two doors, one from the vestibule into the main room and that between the front and back offices.

Ordered, further, that all changes hereby authorized be done under the supervision of the architects, Messrs. Baldwin & Pennington.

On motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas under Sec. 97 of Chapter 711 of the Acts of 1906 it was provided that one of the steamers of the State Fishery Force shall be kept in commission under command of the Deputy Commander, and subject to the control and direction of the Shell Fish Commission from the first day of April to the first day of October, and

Whereas, the commander of the State Fishery Force needs one steamer for his own use in the performance of his duty,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the steamer "Governor Thomas" be kept in commission and in charge of Deputy Commander James A. Turner, and subject to the orders and direction of the Shell Fish Commission; Provided, however, that said Shell Fish Commission shall pay the wages of the Deputy Commander and crew of said steamer, and the operating expenses and cost of maintenance of said vessel while under their control and direction; and said Shell Fish Commission shall be notified by the Secretary of this Board that this

steamer is at their disposal.

The Board hereupon proceeded to execute the deed to the City of Baltimore on the part of the State of Maryland for the portion of the State Tobacco Warehouse property purchased by said City, located at the southwest corner of Light and Conway streets, in the City of Baltimore, and the Secretary was instructed to transmit same to the City authorities, with request for remittance of the purchase price.

On motion, the Board, at 1.15, adjourned.

*Orval Tilghman*  
Secretary.